

REMARKS

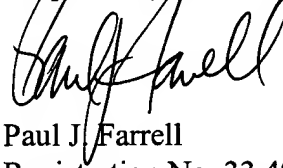
Prior to entry of this amendment Claims 1-3 are currently pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner still finds allowable subject matter in Claim 3. The Examiner has maintained her rejections of Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Challa (U.S. Patent No. 6,453,181 B1).

Please cancel Claims 1 and 3, without prejudice. Claim 2 has been amended herein to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 3. No new matter has been added

Independent Claim 2 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claim 2, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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